

Lesson
14

City Planning

Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson may refer to city planning and building.

centennial (sen TEN ee uhl) N. a one-hundredth anniversary or its celebration *(There will be a special parade celebrating our town's centennial on Saturday.)*

comply (kuhm PLY) V. to act in agreement to a command or request; to consent *(We must comply with established building codes when we remodel our house.)*

debris (duh BREE) N. remains of something destroyed or broken down *(As soon as the bulldozers have removed the debris of the razed building, we can begin work.)*

deface (di FAYS) V. to spoil the appearance of; to mar *(The council approved funds to clean up the graffiti that continues to deface city buildings.)*

demolition (DEM uh LISH uhn) N. the act of tearing down; razing *(The demolition of the condemned building will begin next week.)*

diversified (di VUR suh FYD) ADJ. varied *(The university's architecture is diversified, but the effect is pleasing.)*

duct (duhkt) N. a pipe, tube, or channel for carrying liquids or gases *(I am afraid we will have to replace a duct on our furnace.)*

frontage (FRUHN tij) N. front of a piece of property *(Lots with lake frontage are the most desirable as well as the most expensive.)*

homogeneous (HOH muh JEE nee uhs) ADJ. similar or uniform throughout *(We want to preserve the homogeneous nature of the historic part of town.)*

mortar (MOR tur) N. mix of cement, lime, sand, and water used to hold bricks or stones together *(Bricklayers work quickly to set the bricks before the mortar dries.)*

municipal (myoo NIS uh puh) ADJ. having to do with, or run by, a town or city *(Residents approved a tax increase to expand the facilities of the municipal hospital.)*

ordinance (OR duhn uhns) N. a regulation, law, or decree *(A city ordinance requires that you keep dogs on leashes at all times.)*

plight (plyt) N. predicament *(Something must be done to ease the plight of the homeless in our city.)*

portal (POR tuhl) N. entrance to a building or bridge *(The portal of the building consisted of two enormous bronze doors.)*

progression (pruh GRESH uhn) N. the action or process of moving forward *(Have you noticed the progression of suburban developments up that hillside during the past decade?)*

reorganize (ree OR guh NYZ) V. to arrange in a new way *(We will have to reorganize our zoning laws if the new shopping mall is to be constructed here.)*

spiral (SPY ruhl) ADJ. winding or coiling *(We installed a spiral staircase leading from the living room to the study.)*

urban (UR buhn) ADJ. having to do with or characteristic of a city *(Lei plans to major in urban planning at the university.)*

urbanization (UR buh ni ZAY shuhn) N. the state of being like a city *(Luis was shocked at the urbanization of his hometown since he had last seen it.)*

veranda (vuh RAN-duh) N. covered porch running along the sides of a building *(We can wait out the rain and stay dry here on the veranda.)*